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WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

One evening as my family and I were returning home, two people stopped me and interrogated me.

"Who are you?" one asked. "We want to know all about you."

"I would like to speak with you also," I told them, "but since I have my family with me now, come to my home tomorrow evening. And who are you?"

"We are from an anti-missionary organization," one replied.

"Then I am sure you know all about me," I said.

"We still want to speak with you," they insisted.

So the next evening they came to my home, and we received them as our guests.

"We want to tell you that you are a public enemy. You have left the religion of our fathers. Therefore, we hate you," one of the men said.

I replied, "I will pray for you, that the Lord will have mercy upon you."

"What?" he exclaimed. "How can you say this when you want to kill us?"

"No!" I told them. "I want you to have everlasting life."

One replied, "We want to know what you believe."

I told them, "I believe as you do. I believe in one God, one Father, and one Holy Spirit."

He answered, "We believe in one God and one Father in heaven, but not one Holy Spirit. This belongs to the Christians."

"I am glad you came here tonight," I told them. "God has sent you to me because you are blind, but by the time you leave your eyes will be open. I want to show you some things in the Holy Bible."

I opened the Old Testament to places where the Holy Spirit is mentioned, such as Psalm 51:11; 104:30; 139:7; and Zechariah 12:10. They could not believe their eyes.

"How can this be? We have never heard of this before," one said.

I spoke with them kindly, even though they hated me. They began to wonder why they were persecuting me, and they apologized.

They could see my family and I were very happy, and one asked, "Why are you not afraid? You have children. Do you not fear for them?"

I then opened the New Testament and read Luke 21:17–18, "You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost."

I said, "I know in whom I have believed, and because I believe on the Lord I am not afraid of anything you can do to me. My children also follow the way of the Holy Spirit. Those whom you are persecuting are following God. Are you following Him?"

My family then joined us for discussion, and our guests ate supper with us.

After the meal, I said, "Is there anything else you want to know about me? I will answer any questions you have."

But now they were ashamed. We had accepted them in our home and loved them, even though they came in hatred.

I asked, "What will you say about me in your report to your boss?"

"What can we report to our boss?" one asked.

I answered, "Tell him what you heard and saw this evening. Tell him what is written in the Bible."

He replied, "Before we go, please tell us if you are a Jew or a Christian."

I replied, "Before I was blind, as you are now. But when I received the Lord in my heart, I became happy. Now I have a rich future and an established faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe on the same God as you, the One spoken of in the Holy Bible. If you want to know more about Him, read Hebrews 2." They quickly read it so they would know what to say to their boss.

I have committed these people and their report to the Lord, and I know He will accomplish His will.